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1. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of May, 1949, and the eleven months ended May, 1949. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 5, 7 and 8 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in May, 1949, and the eleven months ended May, 1949, are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING MAY, 1949, AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949 - STATES.

State	Benefits paid during May, 1949				Benefits paid during eleven months ended May, 1949			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
N.S.W.(a)	3,158	17,263	7,939	28,360	21,889	277,819	45,747	345,455
Victoria	155	12,417	7,318	19,890	2,273	180,674	41,795	224,742
Queensland	10,894	9,388	861	21,143	93,780	112,205	9,221	215,206
S.Aust.(b)	41	4,951	1,625	6,617	343	70,109	4,762	75,214
W.Australia	347	5,253	1,851	7,451	9,612	57,844	6,621	74,077
Tasmania	164	2,679	344	3,187	2,816	35,713	3,404	41,933
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>14,759</b>	<b>51,951</b>	<b>19,938</b>	<b>86,648</b>	<b>130,713</b>	<b>734,364</b>	<b>111,550</b>	<b>976,627</b>

3. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

The following table shows for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the eleven months ended May, 1949.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949 - STATES.

State	Persons							
	Claims admitted - eleven months ended May, 1949				Benefits discontinued - eleven months ended May, 1949			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W.(a)	2,147	23,323	6,907	32,377	2,261	23,436	6,520	32,217
Victoria	252	14,891	6,916	22,059	285	14,051	5,647	19,983
Queensland	8,105	9,704	358	18,167	8,467	9,689	349	18,505
S. Aust.(b)	99	6,063	566	6,728	105	6,148	549	6,802
W.Australia	816	5,603	929	7,348	938	5,585	913	7,436
Tasmania	101	2,538	132	2,771	100	2,533	108	2,741
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>11,520</b>	<b>62,122</b>	<b>15,808</b>	<b>89,450</b>	<b>12,156</b>	<b>61,442</b>	<b>14,086</b>	<b>87,684</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

## 4. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48 and for the months May, 1948 to May, 1949, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

## III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1948 -									
May	1,005	69	5,300	1,543	1,434	263	7,739	1,875	9,614
June	743	37	4,044	1,097	97	36	4,884	1,170	6,054
July	799	69	6,595	1,774	848	265	8,242	2,108	10,350
August	571	55	4,737	1,335	147	61	5,455	1,451	6,906
September	542	60	4,500	1,214	722	159	5,764	1,433	7,197
October	939	51	5,169	1,515	1,288	102	7,396	1,668	9,064
November	973	61	4,074	1,210	2,051	456	7,098	1,727	8,825
December	972	36	3,333	938	100	51	4,405	1,025	5,430
1949 -									
January	2,013	64	4,468	1,260	1,271	140	7,752	1,464	9,216
February	1,460	58	4,000	1,224	410	71	5,870	1,353	7,223
March (a)	1,149	48	3,985	1,159	1,648	235	6,782	1,442	8,224
April (a)	1,009	62	4,408	1,240	3,501	412	8,918	1,714	10,632
May (a)	490	39	3,137	847	1,718	152	5,345	1,038	6,383
<u>DISCONTINUANCES.</u>									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894
1948 -									
May	2,081	97	5,083	1,538	690	125	7,854	1,760	9,614
June	971	57	4,034	1,151	649	99	5,654	1,307	6,961
July	1,321	74	6,099	1,732	646	176	8,066	1,982	10,048
August	625	52	4,554	1,272	448	143	5,627	1,467	7,094
September	746	62	4,629	1,254	250	80	5,625	1,396	7,021
October	802	76	5,429	1,563	1,404	159	7,635	1,798	9,433
November	1,012	44	4,145	1,188	1,373	266	6,530	1,498	8,028
December	501	50	3,421	978	1,142	214	5,064	1,242	6,306
1949 -									
January	1,436	61	4,096	1,259	669	90	6,201	1,410	7,611
February	1,189	59	3,895	1,088	669	98	5,753	1,245	6,998
March(a)	1,131	53	3,853	1,074	1,083	195	6,067	1,322	7,389
April (a)	1,554	55	4,558	1,312	2,186	257	8,298	1,624	9,922
May (a)	1,212	41	3,125	918	2,333	205	6,670	1,164	7,834
<u>PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.</u>									
1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948 -									
May	1,946	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	554	10,372	3,262	13,634
June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
July	1,196	115	7,922	2,556	660	580	9,778	3,251	13,029
August	1,142	118	8,105	2,619	359	498	9,606	3,235	12,841
September	938	116	7,976	2,579	831	577	9,745	3,272	13,017
October	1,075	91	7,716	2,531	715	520	9,506	3,142	12,648
November	1,036	108	7,645	2,553	1,393	710	10,074	3,371	13,445
December	1,507	94	7,557	2,513	351	547	9,415	3,154	12,569
1949 -									
January	2,084	97	7,929	2,514	953	597	10,966	3,208	14,174
February	2,355	96	8,034	2,650	694	570	11,083	3,316	14,399
March (a)	2,373	91	8,166	2,735	1,259	610	11,798	3,436	15,234
April (a)	1,828	98	8,016	2,663	2,574	765	12,418	3,526	15,944
May (a)	1,106	96	8,028	2,592	1,959	712	11,093	3,400	14,493

(a) Subject to revision.



# 5. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

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(1) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during May, 1949, and the eleven months ended May, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

## IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MAY, 1949, AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	May, 1949				Eleven months ended May, 1949			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	83	291	25	399	1,672	5,011	529	7,212
1 and under 2	120	615	265	1,000	2,111	8,556	2,163	12,830
2 " "	93	541	126	760	1,557	7,884	2,938	12,379
3 " "	85	523	552	1,160	1,072	7,057	2,667	10,796
4 " "	59	436	995	1,490	757	5,407	2,519	8,693
5 " "	250	1,050	750	2,050	2,120	12,770	2,328	17,218
9 " "	198	484	43	725	1,083	5,749	354	7,186
13 " "	352	485	40	877	1,257	6,241	385	7,883
27 and over	70	231	18	319	517	2,767	203	3,487
<u>TOTAL :</u>	1,310	4,656	2,814	8,780	12,156	61,442	14,086	87,684

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during May, 1949, and the eleven months ended May, 1949, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

## V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MAY, 1949 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	May, 1949				Eleven months ended May, 1949			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	5.34	4.96	0.64	3.63	4.25	4.50	1.44	3.98
13 " "	32.21	15.38	2.06	13.62	14.59	14.66	4.17	12.97
9 " "	47.33	25.77	3.59	21.88	23.50	24.02	6.69	21.16
5 " "	66.41	48.32	30.24	45.23	40.94	44.80	23.22	40.80
4 " "	70.91	57.69	65.60	62.20	47.25	53.60	41.10	50.71
3 " "	77.40	68.92	85.21	75.41	56.07	65.09	60.03	63.02
2 " "	84.50	80.54	89.69	84.07	68.88	77.92	80.89	77.14
1 " "	93.66	93.75	99.11	95.46	86.25	91.84	96.24	91.77
Less than 1	6.34	6.25	0.89	4.54	13.75	8.16	3.76	8.23

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during May, 1949, and the eleven months ended May, 1949, are shown below:-

## VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MAY, 1949 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Reasons for Cessation	May, 1949				Eleven months ended May, 1949.			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	691	52.75	2,878	61.81	6,702	55.13	36,835	59.95
Incapacity Terminated	-	-	1,293	27.77	-	-	16,799	27.34
Failure to report (a)	536	40.91	47	1.01	4,378	36.02	2,269	3.69
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	31	2.37	34	0.73	371	3.05	416	0.68
Statutory age limit (b)	5	0.38	18	0.39	50	0.41	118	0.19
Permanent incapacity (c)	5	0.38	190	4.08	141	1.16	2,381	3.87
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	-	-	2	0.04	3	0.02	29	0.05
Death	-	-	61	1.31	7	0.06	884	1.44
Transfer to another district	12	0.92	65	1.40	160	1.32	810	1.32
Other	30	2.29	68	1.46	344	2.83	901	1.47
<u>TOTAL :</u>	1,310	100.00	4,656	100.00	12,156	100.00	61,442	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

## 6. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH MAY, 1949.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 28th May, 1949; to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 55 per 10,000 comprising 5 unemployment, 40 sickness and 10 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH MAY, 1949.  
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 Males	6	41	10	57
Females	Per 10,000 Females	1	36	10	47
Persons	Per 10,000 Persons	5	40	10	55

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 28th May, 1949:-

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH MAY, 1949 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.(a)	208	17	2,806	875	645	243	3,659	1,135	3,794
Victoria	24	9	2,394	952	1,190	249	3,608	1,210	4,818
Queensland	749	62	1,181	311	49	76	1,979	449	2,428
S.Aust.(b)	12	2	678	177	31	32	721	211	932
W.Australia	86	4	606	188	32	49	724	241	965
Tasmania	27	2	363	89	12	63	402	154	556
Total 28th May, 1949.	1,106	96	8,028	2,592	1,959	712	11,093	3,400	14,493
Total 29th May, 1948.	1,946	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	554	10,372	3,262	13,634

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 28th May, 1949, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH MAY, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Age Group (as at 31st Dec. 1948)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	34	25	597	577	106	86	737	688	1,425
20 - 24 "	103	30	983	564	359	75	1,445	669	2,114
25 - 29 "	102	8	650	304	441	62	1,193	374	1,567
30 - 34 "	100	5	665	202	290	57	1,055	264	1,319
35 - 39 "	94	8	678	207	256	87	1,028	302	1,330
40 - 44 "	111	5	763	185	197	93	1,071	283	1,354
45 - 49 "	105	8	862	243	98	121	1,065	372	1,437
50 - 54 "	135	3	873	182	22	58	1,030	243	1,273
55 - 59 "	138	4	1,026	123	8	56	1,172	183	1,355
60 years and over	184	-	931	5	182	17	1,297	22	1,319
TOTAL :	1,106	96	8,028	2,592	1,959	712	11,093	3,400	14,493



7. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING MAY, 1949, AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949, AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH MAY, 1949.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during May, 1949, and the eleven months ended May, 1949, and by those who were on benefit at 28th May, 1949.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

X. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING MAY, 1949 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	May, 1949		Eleven Months ended May, 1949		28th May, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	2	-	161	6	6	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	22	2	416	28	49	4
Power rationing ..	-	-	28	2	2	3
Shortage of materials ..	7	-	1,021	36	37	2
Strikes and lockouts ..	7	-	280	3	19	-
Seasonal Work ..	132	1	3,141	19	328	8
Casual work ..	108	7	1,692	45	181	10
Other, including inadequately defined	77	6	1,908	176	173	16
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	91	17	1,303	194	219	33
Other, including inadequately defined	57	8	736	67	58	12
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	13	-	166	6	25	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	-	-	21	1	3	-
Other ..	-	-	44	20	6	6
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10,917</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>96</b>

(ii) Industrial groups: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during May, 1949, and the eleven months ended May, 1949, and of those on benefit at 28th May, 1949.

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MAY, 1949 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	May 1949		Eleven Months ended May, 1949		28th May, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	122	2	2,040	5	287	2
Other Primary Production ..	12	-	146	-	26	-
Coal Mining ..	3	-	331	-	8	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	10	-	153	-	15	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	25	-	1,258	20	82	2
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	9	-	134	1	15	-
Textiles and articles of dress ..	13	5	98	62	14	8
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	57	2	2,164	49	161	14
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	15	-	282	1	33	-
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	15	2	374	18	36	2
Building and Construction ..	63	-	1,376	-	124	-
Transport and Communication ..	54	-	562	16	79	1
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	53	8	893	115	92	11
Finance and Property ..	4	-	67	-	6	-
Public Administration and Professional	31	7	454	75	58	11
Personal and Domestic Service ..	29	15	509	217	57	40
Other ..	1	-	76	24	13	5
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10,917</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>96</b>

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 28th May, 1949, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 28TH MAY, 1949.  
STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	34	5	234	-	8	6	287
Other Primary Production ..	1	1	15	7	2	-	26
Coal Mining ..	5	-	2	-	-	1	8
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	2	-	7	-	6	-	15
Factories and Industrial - Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	54	-	20	-	7	1	82
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	4	1	7	1	1	1	15
Textiles, and articles of dress ..	3	1	8	-	2	-	14
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	11	2	143	-	2	3	161
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	8	1	19	-	3	2	33
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	13	1	18	1	3	-	36
Building and Construction ..	25	3	75	2	15	4	124
Transport and Communication ..	13	4	53	-	6	3	79
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	16	-	63	1	10	2	92
Finance and Property ..	3	-	2	-	1	-	6
Public Administration and Professional	8	1	36	-	11	2	58
Personal and Domestic Service ..	8	3	36	-	8	2	57
Other ..	-	1	11	-	1	-	13
TOTAL - 28TH MAY, 1949.	208	24	749	12	86	27	1,106
TOTAL - 29TH MAY, 1948.	245	50	1,424	17	186	24	1,946

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the eleven months ended May, 1949 and the persons on benefit at 28th May, 1949, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND  
OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the eleven months ended May, 1949				On Benefit at 28th May, 1949			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales(b)	356	13	1,646	132	62	1	146	16
Victoria	52	22	167	11	6	4	18	5
Queensland	1,489	117	6,240	259	136	16	613	46
South Australia(c)	45	5	47	2	6	2	6	-
Western Australia	637	21	141	17	72	3	14	1
Tasmania	63	2	34	2	20	1	7	1
TOTAL :	2,642	180	8,275	423	302	27	804	69

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.



8. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING MAY, 1949 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY 1949, AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH MAY, 1949.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1949, and those current at 28th May, 1949 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the eleven months ended May, 1949				On Benefit at 28th May, 1949.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales(b)	10,876	3,928	7,140	1,379	1,649	649	1,157	226
Victoria	7,670	2,873	3,450	898	1,774	776	620	176
Queensland	3,881	1,112	3,996	715	637	188	544	123
South Australia(c)	4,186	1,060	722	95	590	172	88	5
Western Australia	2,848	949	1,550	256	434	158	172	30
Tasmania	993	235	1,094	216	164	39	199	50
TOTAL :	30,454	10,157	17,952	3,559	5,248	1,982	2,780	610

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIII. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 28th May, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

XV. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH MAY, 1949.  
AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	624	14	638
Other Primary Production ..	149	-	149
Coal Mining ..	190	-	190
Other Mining Quarrying ..	123	3	126
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	1,181	95	1,276
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	385	13	398
Textiles and articles of dress ..	337	509	846
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	496	107	603
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	349	10	359
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	746	180	926
Building and Construction ..	1,258	8	1,266
Transport and Communication ..	734	88	822
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	787	415	1,202
Finance and Property ..	51	35	86
Public Administration and Professional	253	449	702
Personal and Domestic Service ..	354	663	1,017
Other ..	11	3	14
TOTAL :	8,028	2,592	10,620

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during May, 1949, and the eleven months ended May, 1949, and of those on benefit at 28th May, 1949.

XVI. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MAY, 1949 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	May, 1949		Eleven Months ended May 1949		28th May, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	168	59	3,594	1,038	380	169
Cancer ..	22	5	305	57	73	23
Other Tumours ..	42	34	416	303	86	72
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases ..	172	53	2,689	835	531	204
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	18	18	218	218	45	47
Nervous System and Sense Organs	291	99	4,327	1,716	823	368
Circulatory System ..	336	47	4,170	672	854	154
Respiratory System ..	383	80	5,075	1,076	885	195
Digestive System ..	804	228	10,939	3,019	1,463	373
Genito-urinary System ..	165	97	1,965	1,182	356	248
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	106	-	1,126	-	280
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	197	50	2,618	563	343	99
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	101	27	1,258	371	214	88
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined Conditions) ..	63	27	800	450	130	66
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	438	27	5,093	518	1,223	115
Other Injuries, etc. ..	391	41	4,621	513	549	78
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	13	2	169	15	40	3
Other (including not stated) ..	15	2	149	44	33	10
<u>TOTAL :</u>	3,619	1,002	48,406	13,716	8,028	2,592

9. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the eleven months ended May, 1949, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1949.  
STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percent- age Re- jects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W. (a)	5,932	3,785	27,068	3,745	7,258	351	40,258	7,881	19.58
Vic.	432	180	17,860	2,969	7,303	387	25,595	3,536	13.82
Q'ld.	13,642	5,537	11,787	2,083	534	176	25,963	7,796	30.03
S.A. (b)	2,981	2,882	7,275	1,212	722	156	10,978	4,250	38.71
W.A.	1,461	645	6,637	1,034	1,014	85	9,112	1,764	19.36
Tas.	127	26	2,916	378	172	40	3,215	444	13.81
<u>TOTAL :</u>	24,575	13,055	73,543	11,421	17,003	1,195	115,121	25,671	22.30

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

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